C.I.A. Got Credentials of Police To Use in Domestic Operations

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—The Central Intelligence Agency has, on at least two occasions, obtained credentials from local police departments for use in operations inside the United States.

During the intensive period of antiwar demonstrations in 1971, C.I.A. security officers borrowed 20 sets of credentials from a local police department for use while infiltrating crowds gathered near the agency's offices.

Although the agency has not confirmed which police departments granted the credentials, one source said that the Fairfax County Police Department had provided C.I.A. men with badges and badge cases to "cover" agents' activities in the Virginia county, where the agency's headquarters building is located at Langley.

The source, a Fairfax County policeman who asked not to be identified, said the badges often were those of "sergeant and above" and were kept in reserve for the agency by a county policeman.

Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. said, "I've heard it suggested that there were occasions when an individual [from the agency] was given credentials as a cover."

The agency's security officials are also said to have obtained credentials o nanother occasion in 1971 for use in surveillance of agency employes who were alleged to have been involved in leaking information about foreign intelligence operations.

The agency has been reluctant to disclose its relationships with local police departments.

As recently as last week, the agency declined to identify any of the dozen or so police departments for which it has provided training, other than the five identified in a 1973 article in The New York Times. Those were the departments in New York City, Boston, Washington and Fairfax and Montgomery Counties.